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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 8687

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SP

SUBJECT: STANDING OF WHITE BOOK DENIED

REF: MADRID 8459

1. IN THE FACE OF MOUNTING PROTEST (PARTICULARLY, APPARENTLY, IN CEUTA), FRAGA HAS DENIED THAT THE WHITE BOOK IS AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT EITHER OF THE ALIANZA POPULAR (WHICH FRAGA POINTED OUT WAS FORMED AFTER THE BOOK'S PUBLICATION) OR OF ANY COMPONENT THEREOF. HE IS ON THINNER ICE ON THE SECOND POINT, SINCE THE BOOK WAS PUT OUT UNDER REFORMA DEMOCRATIC AUSPICES. STRICTLY SPEAKING, TO BE FAIR, HOWEVER, THE BOOK WAS PUT FORWARD AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

2. RUNNING FOR COVER, FRAGA ALSO DECLARED HE DID NOT TAKE PART IN THE DRAFTING OF THE PROPOSAL, THAT IN VIEW OF THE "PATRIOTIC ATTITUDE OF THE INHABITANTS OF CEUTA AND MEILLA" HE FAVORS ITS REVISION, AND THAT "AS INFANTRY LIEUTENANT MANUEL FRAGA IRIBARNE" HE PROMISES TO BE IN CEUTA AND MELILLA ANY TIME HE IS NEEDED: "I BELIEVE CEUTA AND MELILLA ARE SPANISH AND THAT THEY MUST BE DEFENDED AT ANY COST."

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3. THE INCIDENT SERVES TO SHOW THAT, WHILE MANY SPANIARDS

PRIVATELY RECOGNIZE THE CONTRADICTION BETWEEN THEIR
"TERRITORIAL UNITY" POSITION ON GIBRALTAR AND THEIR STAND
ON CEUTA AND MELILLA, THE "SPANISHNESS" OF THE TWO ENCLAVES
REMAINS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE.

4. REFTTEL, WHICH RESPONDED TO A QUERY FROM TANGIER, IS
BEING REPEATED TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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